

Quality of Life Ideas for Cleveland, Ohio

No. 5 – Market Square



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It does not matter if Henry Ford foresaw it in 1925, or if the Housing Act of 1949 and The Federal Transportation Act of 1956 caused it, but the American City Center has declined. Unfortunately Cleveland was not immune to this decline as most of her residence migrated outward, leaving nothing but decay and abandonment in their shadows.

Currently there optimistically exists a new awareness fueled by a sense of adventure to once again move back into the City Center. However, this new awareness and adventure sometimes becomes clouded by the pragmatic. It seems that people today have forgotten how to dream and how to be daring. There seems to be a lack of vision, pride, and determination. One gets the feeling that today's "Cutting Edge" is yesterday's "Status Quo".

Presented to you today are two concepts we like to call "Quality of Life Ideas". The first addresses the "nothingness" of the Collision Bend peninsula and the second looks at the transportation conflicts of the Market Square District along West 25th Street.

We at Elements hope you find these ideas stimulating. Most of all we hope your spirit is moved, your interests are peaked, and your desire elevated.

Ronald B. Sarstedt, A.I.A.
Guide

"Played the game of just imagine long enough"

Painted Desert, 10,000 Maniacs 1987



Public Square

Gateway

Flats
West
Bank

Cuyahoga River

Ontario Street

Main Avenue Bridge

Detroit-Superior Bridge

R.T.A. Rapid Transit Bridge

To:
I-71
I-77
I-90
I-217
I-480
Ohio Turnpike
International
Airport

Industrial Flats

Industrial Flats

Duck Island

Abbey Road

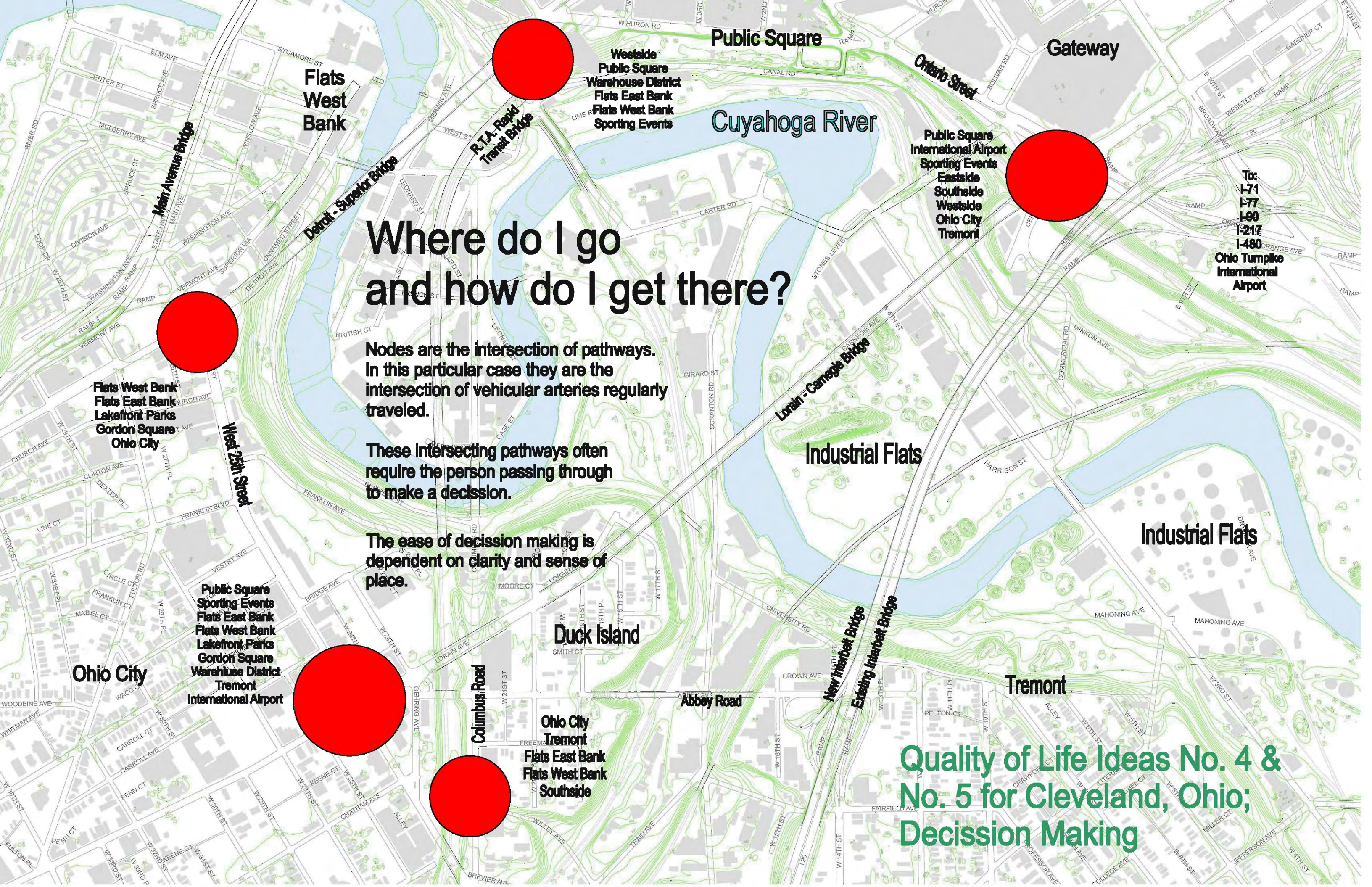
Columbus Road

New Interbelt Bridge
Existing Interbelt Bridge

Ohio City

Tremont

Quality of Life Ideas No. 4 & No. 5 for Cleveland, Ohio;
Place



Where do I go and how do I get there?

Nodes are the intersection of pathways.
In this particular case they are the
intersection of vehicular arteries regularly
traveled.

These intersecting pathways often
require the person passing through
to make a decision.

The ease of decision making is
dependent on clarity and sense of
place.

Quality of Life Ideas No. 4 &
No. 5 for Cleveland, Ohio;
Decision Making

Flats
West
Bank

Public Square

Gateway

Cuyahoga River

Westside
Public Square
Warehouse District
Flats East Bank
Flats West Bank
Sporting Events

Public Square
International Airport
Sporting Events
Eastside
Southside
Westside
Ohio City
Tremont

To:
I-71
I-77
I-90
I-217
I-480
Ohio Turnpike
International
Airport

Flats West Bank
Flats East Bank
Lakewood
Gordon Square
Ohio City

Industrial Flats

Industrial Flats

Public Square
Sporting Events
Flats East Bank
Flats West Bank
Lakewood
Gordon Square
Warehouse District
Tremont
International Airport

Duck Island

Tremont

Ohio City
Tremont
Flats East Bank
Flats West Bank
Southside



**Flats
West
Bank**

**Carl B. Stokes
U.S. Courthouse**

Tower City

Quicken Loans Arena

Progressive Field

Cuyahoga River

**Quality of Life Idea No. 4;
Collision Bend**

**To:
I-71
I-77
I-90
I-271
I-480
Ohio
Turnpike
International
Airport**

Industry

Housing

**New
Entertainment
Venue**

New Mixed Use Development

Recreation

**Railroad
To Remain**

**Relocated Marine
Towing & Ship Building**

**Relocated
Yacht Sales And
Ship Repair**

Industrial Flats

New River Channel

**Industrial
Flats**

**Duck
Island**

**Quality of Life Idea No. 5;
Market Square**

Ohio City

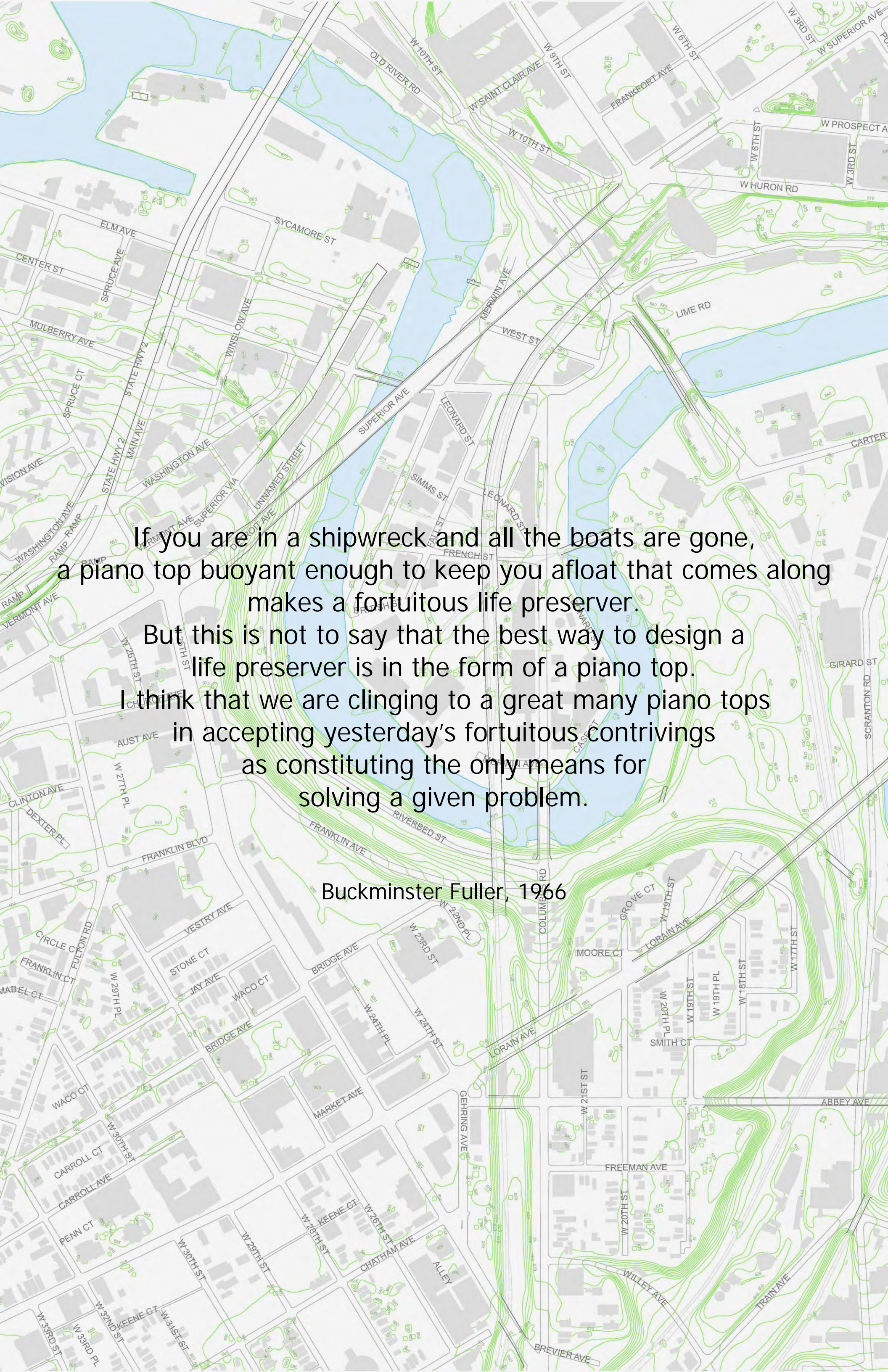
Tremont

**Quality of Life Ideas No. 4 & No. 5 for Cleveland, Ohio;
Collision Bend and Market Square**

**Parking
Structure
1,150 Cars**

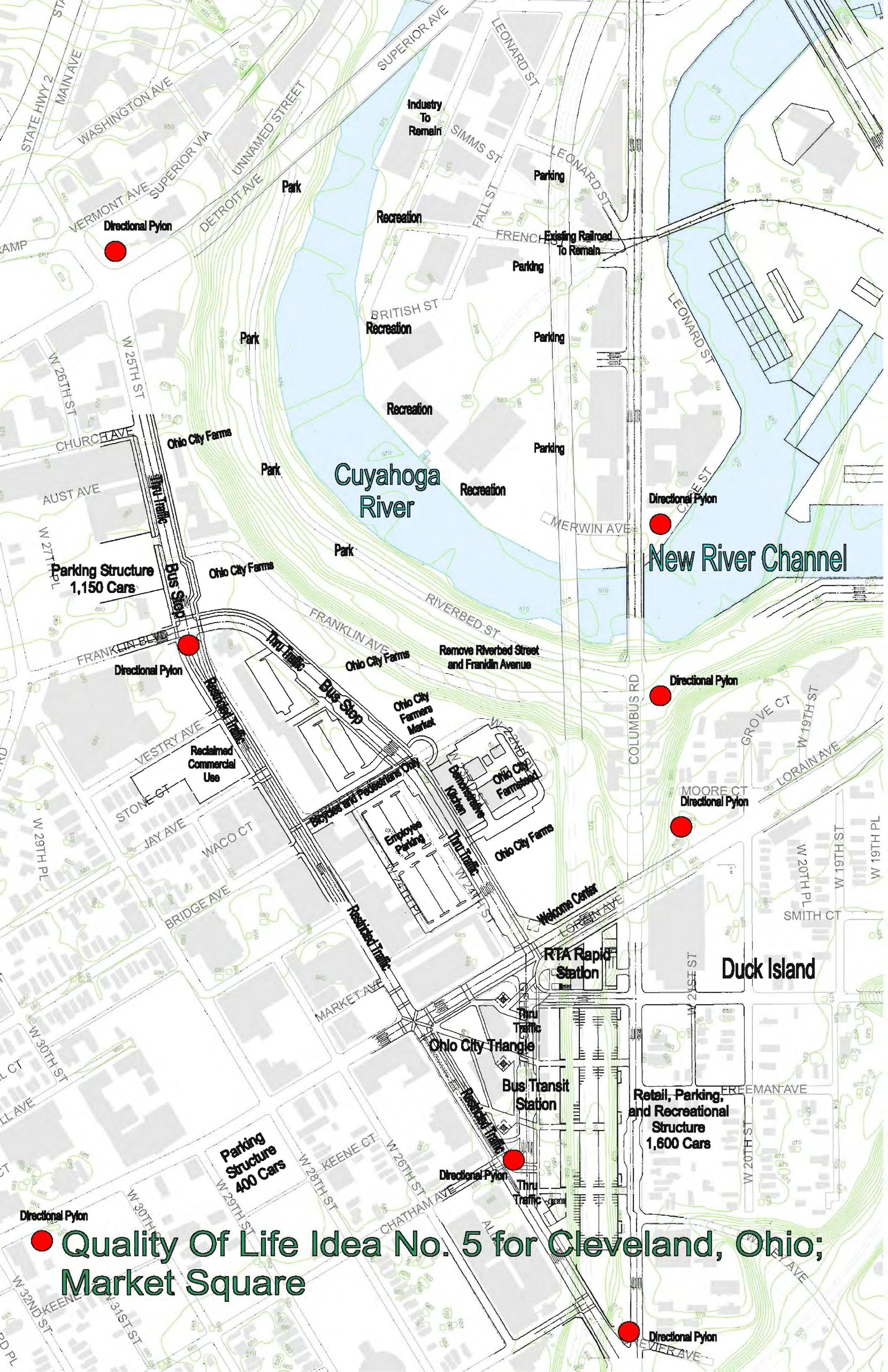
**Parking
Structure
400 Cars**

**Parking
Structure
1,600 Cars**



If you are in a shipwreck and all the boats are gone,
a piano top buoyant enough to keep you afloat that comes along
makes a fortuitous life preserver.
But this is not to say that the best way to design a
life preserver is in the form of a piano top.
I think that we are clinging to a great many piano tops
in accepting yesterday's fortuitous contrivings
as constituting the only means for
solving a given problem.

Buckminster Fuller, 1966



Directional Pylon

Industry
To
Remain

Recreation

Existing Railroad
To Remain

Directional Pylon

New River Channel

Directional Pylon

Directional Pylon

Directional Pylon

Duck Island

RTA Rapid
Station

Bus Transit
Station

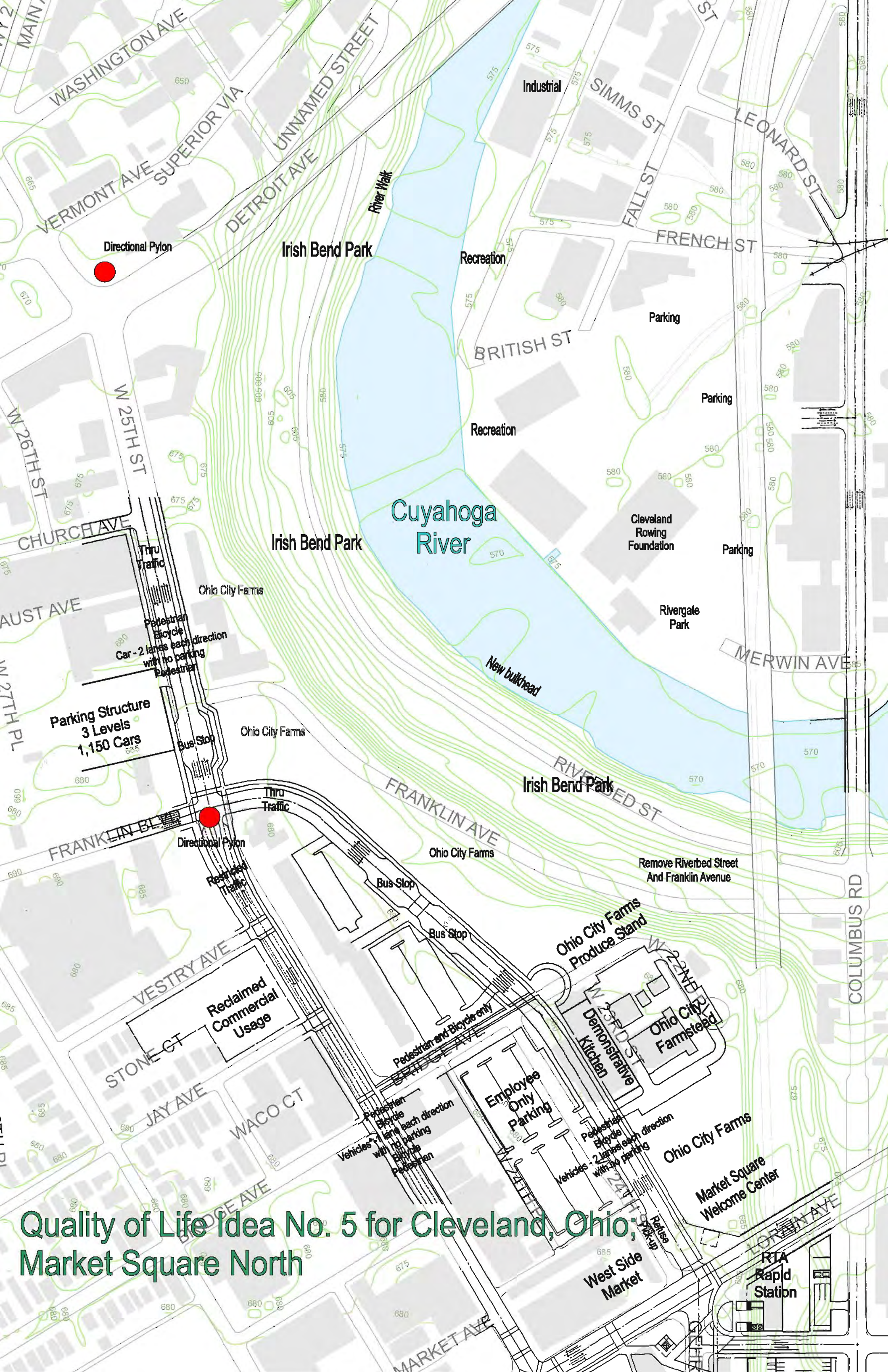
Retail, Parking,
and Recreational
Structure
1,600 Cars

Directional Pylon

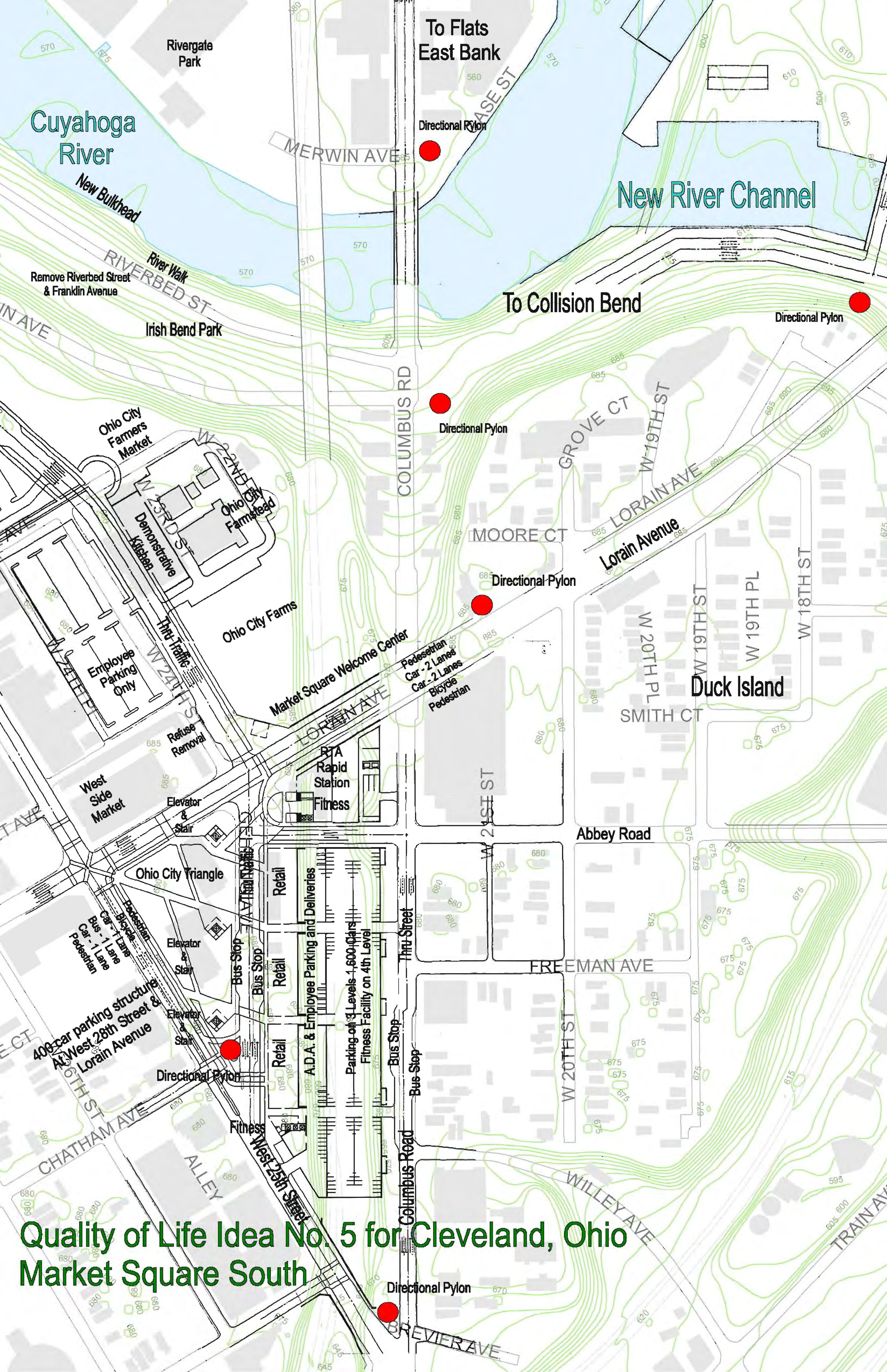
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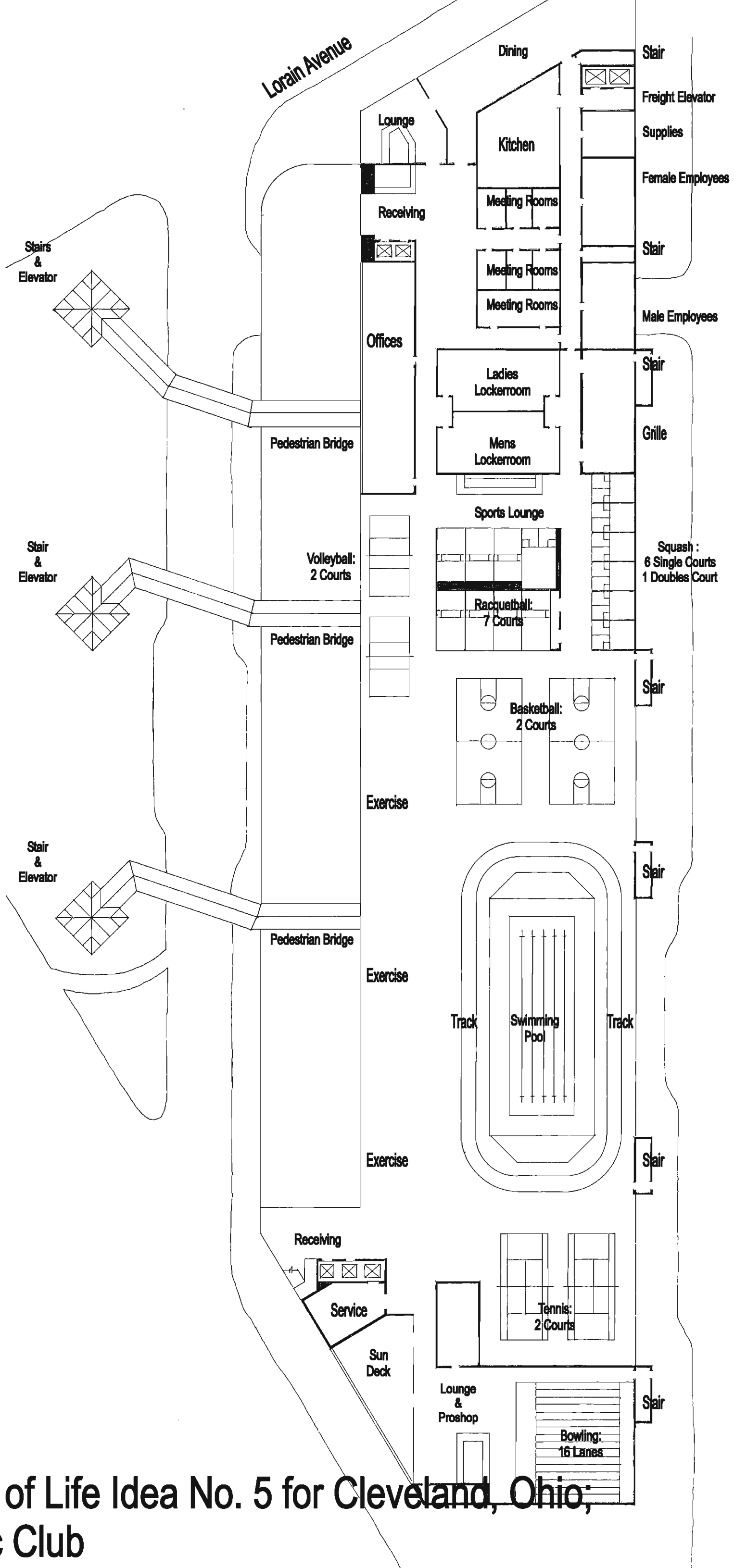
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Market Square



Quality of Life Idea No. 5 for Cleveland, Ohio; Market Square North



Quality of Life Idea No. 5 for Cleveland, Ohio
Market Square South



Quality of Life Idea No. 5 for Cleveland, Ohio;
Athletic Club

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.

Eleanor Roosevelt



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our spirit
our planet
our choice

